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SENT TO FORTRESS.

Sentence on Lieutenant For Challenging Officers to Duel—Opponents Also Imprisoned.

(Associated Press.)

Dresden, March 17.—Lieut. Von Krohn has been condemned by a court martial to four months' imprisonment in a fortress for challenging to fight duels with his brothers officers in defence of his family honor. His opponents, Lieuts. Bax, Thorn and Gerlach, were respectively condemned to six, fifteen and twenty-four months' imprisonment in a fortress. All the officers belong to an artillery regiment stationed at Pirn. Saxony. The proceedings of the court martial were held behind closed doors.

In the interests of morality and the army.

LIBERALS WON SEAT.

Liberal Candidate Had Majority of 82 in East Dorset Election.

(Associated Press.)

London, 17.—The polling yesterday for a candidate to fill the vacancy in the parliamentary division of East Dorset, caused by the accession of Humphrey N. Sturt to the peerage on the death of his father, Lord Alington, resulted in a victory for the Liberals, C. H. Lyell, the Liberal candidate, defeating Mr. Van Raalte, the Conservative, by 82 votes. In the previous election Mr. Sturt defeated A. Allan, Liberal, by 96 votes.

RUSSIAN DESTROYER BLOWN UP BY MINE

Terrible Accident to the Skorr While Entering Port Arthur--Only Four of the Crew Saved.

(Associated Press.)

Choo, March 17, 4 p.m.—While entering Port Arthur yesterday, the 16th inst., the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorr struck upon an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four of the crew were saved.

Viceroy Alexieff wires a report confirming the Associated Press's account of the damage done to Port Arthur during the bombardment of the 10th. He says the story of a fire there is "a base fabrication."

Warnings have been received here confirming previous reports to the effect that the Russians have laid mines along the Liao Tung peninsula, and that neutral vessels are obliged to show their colors five kilometres off shore and await a Russian pilot.

The United States cruiser Cincinnati, just arrived from Chemulpo, reports everything quiet, with no news from the front. At the request of Minister Alies, the cruiser brought two former Korean officers who had left Korea in consequence of their friendship for Russia.

The Skorr was a boat of 240 tons and carried a complement of 51 officers and men. She had a speed of 20½ knots. There were three torpedo tubes in the vessel. In 1902 it was sent out in sections and put together at Port Arthur.

BOTTLED UP.

Mines Laid by Japs Believed to Be Sufficient to Keep Russians in Harbor.

MANY WERE KILLED.

Sailors Say Jap Shells Did Great Damage During the Last Bombardment.

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Great precautions are being taken against surprises. The Japanese have always shown a preference for night attacks, and most rigorous orders have been issued to keep up a continuous advance of scouting parties and to have heavy pickets out at night.

General Kouroupatkin is now near Omsk, Siberia. He is making very fast time, averaging over 50 miles per day, everything being sidetracked to get him to Mukden on March 29th.

NEWCHWANG

May Be Isolated By Cutting of Main Line Southeast of City.

Tientsin, March 17.—Lloyd's agent at Newchwang wires as follows:

"Port Arthur will be open between March 25th and 30th, and steamers have chartered for spring shipments."

"The reports that Newchwang will be attacked shortly are untrue, and there is no truth in the statement that the Russians are trying to lay mines abreast of the fort."

"Business is going on as usual and M. C. Grosse, of the civil administration, is doing all in his power to further trade interests of both Chinese and foreigners."

"The American and British residents insist that warships should be stationed here, but there are no signs of any trouble."

"Japanese troops will probably land in Kai Chou bay and cut off the main line at Tashi Chiao, southeast of Newchwang."

OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

River at Newchwang Will Shortly Be Free From Ice.

London, March 17.—Inquiries made at Lloyd's on the subject of the Tientsin dispatch, in which Lloyd's agent at Newchwang is quoted as telegraphing that Port Arthur will be open between March 25th and 30th, elicited the statement that the Newchwang agent probably means that the river at Newchwang will be free from ice between March 25th and 30th, and that communication with Port Arthur by sea will then be reopened.

A cruiser lying at anchor a cable's length from the Retzian, probably the Diana, was struck on the water line and set on fire. The sailors declare that 80 persons on board her perished. The supply of food in Port Arthur is still sufficient for the needs of the garrison, but it is entirely under the control of the military authorities, who issue daily rations.

The Norwegians insist that when they left the Russian fleet had sailed with the view of making a dash for Vladivostock.

It is possible, however, that the vessels had merely gone on another scouting expedition. They remained in the harbor besides the disabled warship only the volunteer fleet steamer Kasan, four smaller Russian merchantmen, one whale and the Russian hospital ship Mongolia, which had been struck by shells, killing half a dozen men.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

The Usual Bulletin Reports a Quiet Day.

Port Arthur, March 17.—All is quiet here. Military bands play twice a week in the public square.

GOING TO LIAO YANG.

Will Be the First Headquarters of General Kouroupatkin.

STOPPING OF STEAMERS.

Question Asked in Commons Regarding Movements of Russian Cruiser.

London, March 17.—Answering a question in the House of Commons to day regarding the movements of the Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donski in the Mediterranean, her searching merchant vessels, etc., after repairing at Suez, and as to what steps His Majesty's government proposed to take to stop these operations, Premier Balfour, while admitting the great importance of

the question, said he must have time to inquire into the facts before he would be able to give a complete answer.

MASSING AT LIAO YANG.

Troops Reported to Be Forming Guerrilla Detachments.

Liao Yang, Manchuria, March 17.—Troops are still concentrating here and are forming guerrilla detachments. Prices have risen enormously.

A RUSSIAN REPORT.

It Is Alleged Lack of Money Delays Transportation of Jap Troops.

Shanghai, March 17.—According to information received by the Russians here, the opposition party in Japan is protesting against the imposition of new taxation on the population, which already is suffering under excessive taxes. Lack of money is also said to be the cause of the delay in the transportation of Japanese troops.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY-FIVE

Was First Cousin of the Late Queen Victoria—Former Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

WORKINGMEN VIGILANT.

Upholding the Rights of Labor on the G. T. P. Contract.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 17.—President J. A. Fleet, of the Trades and Labor Congress; Vice-president J. B. Mack, and P. M. Draper, secretary, are meeting here to decide to lay out the line of campaign which the labor party wants to take this session. One of the principal subjects which will come up will be some protection for workingmen in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. In the modifications before the House the company asks for delay in case of strikes. Labor men say the company evidently anticipates trouble, and therefore the workingmen should look after their interests to prevent a repetition of the Crow's Nest Pass difficulty. What labor men would like to see would be the adoption of the recommendations passed by the committee which enquired into the Crow's Nest Pass affair. R. C. Clute, K.C., was one of the commissioners.

FIGHTING TWENTY ROUNDS.

Marvin Hart Secured the Decision Over Sandy Ferguson at Hot Springs.

(Associated Press.)

Hot Springs, Ark., March 17.—After 20 rounds of hard fighting, Marvin Hart, of Sandy Ferguson, of Boston, last night. The fight was before the Whittington Park Athletic Club, and drew one of the largest crowds of the season. Many thought Ferguson deserved a draw. Hart, however, forced the fighting all the time, but he had much difficulty in doing serious damage. On the other hand, Ferguson landed many left jabs to the face and sent Hart to the floor in the seventh round for a count of seven. In the latter part, however, Hart fought fiercely. He landed many telling blows and upper cuts. Ferguson was much the heavier and had the longest reach. Hart weighed at 185 and Ferguson at 197. The betting was 2 to 1 on Hart.

In Two Rounds.

New Orleans, La., March 17.—Jimmy Kelly, of Chicago, defeated Dick Wolfe, a former jockey, of Philadelphia, in two rounds at the Young Men's Gymnasium Club last night. Sullivan, of Louisville, defeated Bogan, a local man, while Kid Gregson, of this city, beat Young Jacobs, of Washington, in preliminary bouts, each in three rounds.

FEAR ANNEXATION.

Southern Republics Form an Alliance to Guard Against Absorption by the United States.

(Associated Press.)

New Orleans, March 17.—According to mail advice just received here an alliance has been formed by Brazil, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile and Bolivia to guard against absorption by the United States.

It is declared that belief prevails throughout Brazil and Argentina that in the event of a revolution in either republic, President Roosevelt will intervene and recognize the revolutionaries, thus paving the way for the annexation.

Last year when Peru was believed to be considering the advisability, during the recent revolution, of asking President Roosevelt to establish a protectorate over that country, the other republics were frightened, fearing that with Peru as a stepping stone to the formation of the proposed annexation of Peru, the United States might absorb the whole of South America.

KING AND QUEEN WENT TO GLOUCESTER HOUSE.

The King and Queen went to Gloucester House this afternoon to offer their personal condolences to the relatives of the Duke.

Although the cancellation of the Duke's coronation was known to have been delayed, the Duke's wife was a burlesque actress and dancer named Fairbrother. She was well known in 1840 or thereabouts and made a great sensation playing in burlesques at the Lyceum theatre. She died in 1890. Neither the pedigree nor other reference books mention her marriage, which was not recognized officially by Queen Victoria although the latter visited Mrs. FitzGeorge. The Duke of Cambridge is supposed to have been wealthy. On the death of his father (the first Duke of Cambridge and grandson of George III) parliament gave the Duke an allowance of \$80,000 per annum and thereafter \$33,100 yearly. As colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards, the Duke received \$11,000 per year, while numerous other appointments brought him in good revenues.

H. R. H. George William Frederick Charles, Duke of Cambridge, son of Adolphus Frederick, the first duke, grandson of King George III, and first cousin of the late Queen Victoria, was

lack of nourishment responsible for deaths among Copper River tribes.

Washington, March 17.—Representatives have been made to the Washington authorities that the flag which formerly floated over the parliament buildings was the Canadian marine flag. When the department was getting a new flag a Union Jack, which was the natural flag over all others, was purchased and placed over the buildings. (Cheers.)

Sir F. Borden introduced his militia bill, which was read a first-time.

GEO. J. COOK

TELLS HIS STORY

GAVE EVIDENCE IN COURT THIS MORNING

Saw He Was Merely Going to Clean Harness Which He Is Charged With Stealing.

The siege of Geo. J. Cook's home and store on Fort street is at an end. This morning the sheriff's force (Baillif Smith) executed a brilliant strategical maneuver and effected an unexpected entrance through the back door. The lady of the house had left the door open while she was carrying in wood; and the vigilant baillif, quick to take advantage of the enemy's weakness, slipped noiselessly into the house. Victory therefore rests on the sheriff's arms as far as the siege inaugurated by him a fortnight or so ago is concerned.

The circumstances are quite fresh in the minds of the Times readers, this paper having exclusively described the details of the peculiar situation. For two weeks all the entrances to the Cook house have been securely fastened and the occupants have exercised the utmost vigilance in keeping the invading representatives of the law outside. To-day's coup de main practically brings the siege to a termination.

The hearing of the charge of theft against George J. Cook was resumed in the police court to-day. The defendant was called by his counsel, J. P. Walls.

Describing the incidents of the first day, he said the sheriff and his baillif went to his place on Wednesday, March 2nd. When witness saw them walking up Fort street about 1:30 o'clock he thought they were coming for rent, because he had had some trouble with the landlord about this same time ago. Believing his place to be in jeopardy, Mr. Cook said he hastened inside and locked the doors.

After giving to the court his conversation with the sheriff he passed to the bicycle incident. Mr. Richards and he were walking in front of the store at the time, and the wheel was about to mount his wheel stand and away when the sheriff, he said, caught one wheel with the crook of his stick and said: "I seize this in the name of the King." There was a struggle for the possession of the bike, the sheriff grasping it with both hands. Baillif Smith went to his chief's assistance and the two succeeded in wrenching the bicycle from the witness.

Mr. Cook, continuing, said he then went down town to consult his solicitor. When he returned the sheriff was about to seize a horse, rig and harness. Witness told Mr. Richards that the horse and rig belonged to Mr. Wallace, which was confirmed by the latter, while the harness was the property of Mr. Duncan. However, the harness was removed from the horse and placed with some scales and a copper boiler, which witness pointed out to the sheriff in one of the cabins. The sheriff, he said, didn't say he seized the goods "in the name of the King or anything else, nor did he say anything about them being in his custody."

"His what?" asked Mr. Murphy. "His billycock," replied Mr. Cook.

"Oh, you mean baillif," returned Mr. Murphy, and a broad smile went round the court room.

The witness, resuming his story, said he had secured permission from Mr. Smith, of Chicago, to use the harness, but while he (witness) was away the sheriff had ordered it restored to its place with the other articles.

On the following Saturday witness paid \$49.65 into court, this being the amount of judgment and the cost of the warrant of execution.

He had asked the sheriff if his statement of claim included anything additional and the sum of \$21



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RUSSIANS REPORTED OFF KOREAN COAST

SEVEN SHIPS SIGHTED NORTH OF WONSAN

Vice-Admiral Stark Has Been Relieved of His Command on Account of Illness.

Tokio, March 16.—Tokio is unadvised regarding the naval plans and movements of the Russians, and is in doubt whether the remnants of their fleets are still at Port Arthur or en route to Vladivostock.

Late this afternoon a telegram reached the navy department saying that seven Russian ships have been reported as passing Port Larzarev, north of Wonsan. The report was not circumstantial. It did not give the character of the ships or the direction in which they were sailing. It is anticipated that the Japanese, by their activity, will speedily determine the whereabouts and intentions of the Russians.

Stark Relieved.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Official orders were published to-day relieving Vice-Admiral Stark from the command of the Port Arthur division of the navy on account of illness. No successor will be appointed. Vice-Admiral Makarov having determined to serve as squadron commander as well as commander-in-chief of the entire Russian naval forces in the Far East.

The Tokio correspondent of the Matin sends the following information concerning the Japanese military situation up to March 10th, which he says, comes from a sure source: "The first army of 70,000 troops, under General Kuroki, occupies northern Korea. The brigade landed at Wonsan and forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization of the latter has been completed and the troops will sail shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of the third army began March 7th."



CANADIAN NOTES.

Girl Who Was Shot by Cousin Dies From Wounds in Darkness.

Guyboro, N.S., March 16.—The bye-election, for the House of Commons in Guyboro to-day resulted in the return of Sinclair (Liberal) by a majority of over 300.

Forty Years a Rector.

Montreal, March 16.—Rev. Canon Ellwood, of the Church of St. James the Apostle, celebrated a double anniversary to-day, his eightieth birthday and the fortieth year as rector of this church. He is still an active man beyond his years, and ascribes it to the fact that for more than a score of years he has not touched flesh, fish or fowl nor taken of tea or coffee in his own home.

On Rental Basis.

Toronto, March 16.—The New York Life Insurance Company, which holds the mortgage on the Board of Trade building, will take over the building, the Board of Trade continuing to occupy the premises on a rental basis.

Died From Wound.

Woodstock, N.B., March 16.—Mills Gee, who was shot with a rifle by his cousin, George Gee, at Canaan, 30 miles from here last Sunday morning, died as the result of the wound this morning at 6 o'clock. The prisoner, who is in jail here on a charge of shooting with intent to kill, will now be charged with murder following the coroner's inquest. Gee expressed the hope yesterday that the girl would recover. He said he did not care what happened to her.

City in Darkness.

Brantford, March 16.—The city was in darkness last night caused by the collapse of the electric light plant, due to a fire at Melksham lake going over fields through holes in the embankment made by muskrats instead of going to supply power to the electric light station.

F. E. I. Elections.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 16.—By-elections for the legislature were held in Charlottetown and Second Kings today and resulted in the capture of the latter constituency by the Conservatives. MacIsaac winning by a majority of 90.

In Charlottetown Walberton (Liberal) was elected by 330.

THE ESTIMATES.

Vote for British Columbia Includes \$70,000 for a New Quarantine Steamer.

Ottawa, March 16.—The estimates for the next fiscal year were presented to parliament to-day.

The following are British Columbia items: Nanaimo public building, addition to, \$14,000; Rossland armory, \$21,000; Vancouver public building, \$60,000; Anderson and Kennedy lakes, clearing out, \$2,500; Columbia river above Revelstoke, removal of obstruction to navigation, \$3,000; Columbia river improvements above Golden, \$4,500; Columbia technical college, General Seismik, chief of staff to the vice-regal, in a telegram said that proximil had been found in the form of small torpedoes which the Japanese intended to use in destroying the roads over which the Russians were expected to pass between Anju and Ping Yang in order that the explosions resulting from the impact of the horses' hoofs might cause a stampede. These torpedoes were dislodge in shape and six inches in diameter.

The Czar and his brother, the Grand Duke Michael, heir presumptive to the throne, wearing naval uniforms, visited Galerni island this afternoon and inspected the battleship Borodino, Orel and Andrew.

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Fortress Unsafe.

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Saw Damaged Ships.

Port Arthur, March 16.—Another passenger of the steamer Argus, captured by the Japanese off the coast of Korea and which was taken to Sasebo, who returned here yesterday, declares that he saw two damaged warships towed into Nagasaki on February 26th, one being the Asama and the other a cruiser said to be a flagship having a heavy list. Other passengers of the Russian merchant vessels captured by the Japanese

were arrived here to-night from Japan. In the course of interviews with them, these passengers claimed that they observed general uneasiness among the Japanese troops, though the sailors maintained an excellent bearing. They report that the Japanese evince makes a pitiable appearance, the horses being small and weak-looking. The passengers brought evidence that the Japanese had worked out a plan of campaign and fixed a date for beginning operations at least two weeks before hostilities began.

Moving Towards Korea.

Toronto, March 16.—The Temps correspondent at St. Petersburg asserts that a Russian army corps is descending from Vladivostok toward Korea. He adds that Port Arthur has a garrison of 30,000 men, and is provisioned for a year. The Russian ministry of marine, the Temps correspondent further asserts, claims that Japan's losses since the opening of the war, are four cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers and the machinery of a 12,000-ton battleship seriously injured. The correspondent concludes his dispatch with asserting that the concentration of Russian troops at Mukden and Haibin is considered as terminating the danger from a Japanese landing in the northern part of the bay of Korea.

The Russo de Paris, says the idea of the Russian Baltic squadron going to the Far East by the Northwest passage has been given up as too risky, and adds that the fleet will probably start in July and go by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

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Now Korea.

Seoul, March 16.—The Korean superintendent of trade at Kyong Hung, on the Tumen river, has received a note from the general in command at Vladivostok, saying that, since Korea has joined Japan, Russia considers Korea as belligerent and will act accordingly. Two thousand Korean troops, now at Seoul, will be sent to the north next week.

The Japanese have ascertained definitely that a strong force of Russian field artillery is on the north bank of the Yalu river, and that earthworks have been thrown up. Advice from Chon-Ju, a town northwest of Anju, say that the people are in a state of panic owing to the destruction of the horses' hoofs might cause a stampede. These torpedoes were dislodged in shape and six inches in diameter.

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TALL CORN

doesn't come by accident. A fertile soil and careful cultivation are necessary to produce the towering stems and heavy ears.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.INSTRUCTION OF THE
NEW SCHOOL CORPSThe Trustees Discuss Time When Drills
Should Be Held—An Informal
Meeting.

There was little business of importance transacted at the special meeting of the school board last evening. Two of the trustees were absent, and strangely enough they were the parents of the resolution calling the session. Chairman Jay presided, and there were present Trustees Hall, Mrs. Jenkins, Boggs, Lewis and Supt. Eaton.

It was intended that the principal business would be the consideration of the disposition of the \$40,000 which it is hoped will be raised by law for additional accommodation, but the absence of the two trustees referred to determined the board to defer the matter until another meeting. It was decided, however, that the chairman and city superintendent should prepare a presentation on the subject to be placed before the ratepayers coincidentally with the submission of the by-law.

Trustee Boggs, who is naturally somewhat elated at the successful outcome of his pet scheme, the organization of a cadet corps in the High school, reported the progress made. He explained that a corps had been formed and arrangements made for their instruction made with Principal Paul and Sergt.-Major Mulcahy, who was appointed instructor by Col. Holmes, district officer commanding. It had been arranged to have the instruction during the half hour now occupied by the physical drill given by Mr. St. Clair.

This raised a question. The chairman pointed out that instruction during school hours by one who had no authority from the board was somewhat irregular.

Supt. Eaton said that the proper course for the board to pursue in order that the drill might be regularly passing on was to appoint Sergt.-Major Mulcahy instructor, with the consent of the council. This would give that gentleman an official status.

Trustee Boggs undertook to shoulder the responsibility for the drill already held during school hours. He attributed his seal in the movement to the fact that he had been working on it for two years, and now that private institutions were organizing corps, it was time for the High school to take some action.

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YUKON COAL.

Applications Have Been Made for Claims on Lake La Barge.

A special dispatch from Dawson to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"Applications have been made at the crown land and timber office in Dawson for coal claims of 160 acres on the left shore of Lake La Barge. The coal is of a bituminous nature, but its quality is not publicly known. The lands, if granted, will be sold at the fixed price of \$10 an acre. The fixed price for anthracite coal is known to have been found in the territory. The maximum of any land grant to one man is fixed by the government at 320 acres."

Yukon Territory has producing coal mines near Forty-mile and near Five Fingers. Other deposits have been found elsewhere in the territory, but are not producing. It is said that the deposit on Rock creek, back of Dawson, which was worked a little for some time by the Alaska Exploration Company, has a continuation northward, and that outcrops can be found at the intersection of nearly every creek for 100 miles north to the international boundary.

However, no one seems induced to attempt to open this coal. A deposit of coal a little above Five Fingers has been acquired by a number of Yukoners, and may in time be opened.

"Major Z. T. Wood, commander of the Northwest Mounted Police of the Yukon Territory, has left for the new White Horse diggings and the Canadian territory on the Dalton trail. One of the chief purposes of the trip is to select three points for new police detachments.

The major announces that each detachment will be provided with a light, yet warm, portable house. This scheme is to be followed so that should the stampeding into the new country eventually call for the removal of the posts the houses can be removed without difficulty."

Sir Frank Lascelles, who is spoken of as our next ambassador to Paris, is as firm a diplomatist as you could find in the two hemispheres. The Kaiser has discovered that long ago, and on more than one occasion he has come off second best when he was very keen on having his own way. When there is need he can display a certain dry humor. "You don't appear to have swallowed what I said," remarked a Russian ambassador, not over politely. "If I did," answered Sir Frank. "I should die of indigestion."

HONORING MEMORY
OF ST. PATRICKSOLEMN HIGH MASS IN
CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

An Oration Will Be Delivered This Evening—Interesting Account of the Saint's Career.

The veneration of sons and daughters of the Emerald Isle throughout the wide world for the memory of their national saint is receiving active expression today. This is "March the Seventeenth," and many a garb is adorned by a little bit of shamrock. The birthdays of national heroes are not always recalled, and sometimes the dates of noted historical events slip from the mind, but to-day is never forgotten wherever there is a loyal impetuous son of the "old sod" to impress it on the memory. This morning solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral, at which Archbishop Orth preached an eloquent sermon. To-night a concert will be given in Institute hall, when A. E. McPhillips, K.C., will deliver an oration on the saint.

A correspondent has furnished the Times with the following interesting account of the life of St. Patrick:

The number of histories which have been composed on the life of the patron saint of Ireland has, in a great measure, tended to darken the knowledge we should have of the truth of what concerns him. Of the 63 the least liable to contradiction are the "Confession of St. Patrick," his letter to Corotic, and his life, written by some of his disciples. He was born in a village called Bannow, in the territory of Tabernia, not far from the western sea. The topographical descriptions have made it difficult to fix the birthplace of St. Patrick at Kirkpatrick, between Dumfries and Glasgow. The time of the birth and death of this saint and the number of years he lived, are not less a subject of dispute than the country which gave him birth. The most general opinion is that St. Patrick lived 120 years, and that his death happened in A.D. 493. If we deduct 120 years there remain 375, which is accounted the year of his birth.

The apostle of Ireland was called at his baptism Sennach, signifying "warlike," and it was Pope Celestine that gave him the name of Patricius. Patricius was a title of honor among the ancient Romans, and a dignity to which high privileges were annexed. He was carefully brought up by his parents; the mildness of his disposition and purity of his morals rendered him the admiration of all who knew him. Patrick was in his sixteenth year, when brought a captive into Ireland and sold to a petty prince of Dalriada, in Ulster, who gave him charge of his flocks. A captive during six years he learned the language and habituated himself to the customs of the country.

In the beginning of his seventh year of slavery he was warned in a dream to prepare for his return; he accordingly made his escape from his master and reached the seashore, where he found a small boat ready to sail. After a dangerous voyage they landed in Albania, now called Scotland. After undergoing many dangers Patrick arrived, in his native country, where he was tenderly received by his parents. At the age of 23 years he left home and went to the monastery of Marmont, near Tours, where he was received by St. Martin, and presented with the clerical tonsure and monastic habit. He set out for Rome nine years later after passing through the monastery of the Isle of Legins. Pope St. Celestine received St. Patrick with every mark of kindness and respect, then consecrated and appointed him Archishop of Ireland, and sent him with all apostolic authority to preach the gospel to the inhabitants of the island.

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FUNDS MOUNTING UP.

Organized Labor Room in Strathcona Wing Practically Assured.

At last night's meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council the secretary made the gratifying report that the "labor" room in the new Strathcona wing of the Jubilee hospital was practically assured. The following unions had contributed to the fund: Laborers' Union, \$10; Painters' Union, \$10; Boilermakers' Union, \$5; Shipwrights' Union, \$10; Stonemasons' Union, \$10.

Chairman Jonson of the organizing committee reported excellent progress for the Laundry Workers' Union, and said that with few exceptions the members of both establishments were members. Steps were being taken by which they will use the union label.

The executive committee were instructed to interview the council in an effort to arrange with James Dunsmuir to keep the E. & N. railroad bridge open day and night, which would be a great convenience for the workmen. The trades and labor council were informed that at one time Mr. Dunsmuir had expressed a willingness to keep the bridge open if the city would contribute \$15 per month towards the payment of extra help.

The 1904 Labor Union Directory was endorsed by the council. The organization committee was authorized to lend the Retail Clerks' Union every assistance in broadening their sphere of influence.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Montreal Trades and Labor Council and ask if the council was represented directly on the board of trade.

Credentials were presented by Miss Tolmie, delegate from the Laundry Workers' Union and Geo. W. Penketh, as delegate from the Boilermakers' Union.

A circular letter has been sent out by Secretary Duffy, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, requesting that all local unions and district councils be as moderate as possible in their trade movements this spring.

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SENATOR MACDONALD
AND THE G. T. P.

Will Senator Macdonald permit us to apologize? We from a letter he has written to the Colonist that he does not intend to oppose the contract made by the government with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The Senator is merely opposed to the details of the agreement. He wants to see British Columbia receive all the benefit possible from the construction of the line, that is all.

Still we are sure it is not our fault that we misconstrued the Senator's announcement. We were innocent enough to suppose that when a conscientious legislator said he believed a bad bargain had been made, that an unbusinesslike contract had been entered into between a bad business man representing the country and a smart railroad manager representing a corporation, that he (the said conscientious legislator) would oppose to the utmost of his power the ratification by Parliament of the aforementioned one-sided contract. Holding such opinions, we grant it is his duty to kill the contract by his influence and vote if he can. The wondrous thing to us when we consider a former contract for the construction of a transcontinental line, and the attitude of the Senator thereto, is the extraordinary adaptability of the human mind.

The Senator further said that the proof of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's incapacity had been furnished in the fact that the contract he had laid before Parliament had broken down "from defective construction." We fear the Senator is becoming agitated because of the success which has attended the efforts to govern the men who were unfortunately born "without the instinct of government." As the prospect of the success of the political party with which he has been all his life allied becomes more remote and hazy, the would-be critic of the Liberal party becomes more reckless and extravagant in his assertions. Instead of the contract made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company "breaking down from defective construction," it was so effectively constructed, under it the interests of Canadians were so vigilantly protected, that it was found impossible to persuade capitalists to invest their money under its terms. Mr. Hays had to request the government to modify the conditions. The modifications made were for the greater part with reference to the mountain section of the road, the portion in which British Columbia is chiefly interested.

Some of Senator Macdonald's political friends in the East claim that it is mere waste to squander millions upon the mountain section of the proposed road. He thinks it is folly to proceed with some of the Eastern portions. Some of his political allies maintained when the contract was first laid before Parliament that it was a huge steal, and that the eagerness of Cox to get his hands into the treasure chest accounted for the haste of the government in rushing the matter through the House. The critics could not all be correct in their diagnoses. They were simply frantically beating around in the hope of discovering some reasonable excuse for their opposition to an enterprise they realised would create great business activity and would add tremendously to the prestige of the government. It is their business to drive the present administration from power, and we suppose they cannot be blamed for the part they are playing. But yet it is also the duty of responsible men to estimate the relative value to the country of the policy of the government and of the alternative policy the opposition suggests. Senator Macdonald and his leader, led by the Laurier administration, now admit that a second transcontinental railway line is a necessity. The government proposes a complete structure, extending in as straight a line as possible from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and therefore furnishing the cheapest possible transportation from the productive sections of the interior to tidewater on

both the great oceans. The Conservative leader would purchase an unremunerative section of the C.P.R., and build a patch or two in addition. He would traverse territory already crossed by rails. There could be no development under his scheme except by building great stretches of branch lines. Of course he was not serious in his suggestions. He merely desired to impress the country with the fact that he favored a progressive policy.

So it is with Senator Macdonald. He knows in his heart that the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be a grand thing for Canada; that it will more than double the habitable area of the whole country. But he wishes to make the point clear that he objects to the decrees of the providence which has placed within the power of a Liberal government that which under a properly directed manifest destiny would have been carried out by the only party which possesses the hereditary right to govern. If the people of Canada could only be induced to forsake their unreasonable ways and withdraw their confidence from a gang of political upstarts.

Apart from the peculiar attitude of Senator Macdonald to the new transcontinental railway, there are interesting revelations in his letter to the Colonist. He unravels the scroll of history and permits us to read statements we would not have believed on less reliable authority. It is a pity Mr. DeCosmo is no longer with us and that the lamented Lord Dufferin has gone to his reward; because no one who is familiar with the career in Canada of the late Earl or reflects upon his renown as a diplomat would have believed the statement if it had come from a less reliable authority than Senator Macdonald, that he (Lord Dufferin) said to his responsible adviser, Alexander Mackenzie, "that he ought to be ashamed to allow such a document to leave the council-chamber." Even in opposition to such an authority as the Senator we must maintain that the Liberal party was never at any stage in its history in favor of breaking the agreement under which British Columbia entered the Canadian confederation. The government of Alexander Mackenzie intended to build a railway to the Pacific ocean, had constructed parts of the line when it was defeated at the polls and would have completed the whole as a government work if it had been permitted to remain in power. It is true the work was not prosecuted with such vigor as was desirable to the people of the West. But the revenue of Canada then was less than a third of what it is today. Mr. Mackenzie was a cautious and conscientious man. He would not incur obligations he considered the taxpayers could not carry. He was succeeded by the administration which made the bargain with the C.P.R. Let Senator Macdonald consider that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will open up a greater expanse of virgin territory than the C.P.R. did; let him compare the terms of the old bargain with the terms of the new, let him consider the millions of dollars in cash and the millions of acres of land the C.P.R. received in addition to a large amount of completed road, let him dwell upon the privileges of exemption from taxation accorded the C.P.R., and consider that the Grand Trunk will have to pay rates the same as any other business concern in the province or in the Dominion, let him compare the generosity with which the one was treated with the bare necessity encouragement meted out to the other—let the Senator ponder over these things and tell us the manner in which he justifies his enthusiasm for the first and his suspicion of the second undertaking. We are sure the task is beyond the power of any man but one who has had long experience in the ranks of Toryism.

RAILWAYS AND POLITICS.

Senator Macdonald could not conscientiously countenance the proposal of the Dominion government to procure the construction of a line of railway that would have given the coast cities close communication with the Yukon because the scheme in the first instance contemplated connection with the road through American territorial waters. It seems to me the original objection was that hundreds of thousands of acres of gold-bearing territory were to be given to Mackenzie & Mann in payment for the work. Conservative newspapers stated that this enterprising firm would reap such a harvest of gold from their holdings as Croesus, or Morgan, or Vanderbilt, or Hetty Green, or any other man or woman or millionaire, never dreamt of. It has developed that the allotment of the company would have been worthless; that it would have had to depend entirely on the traffic of the road for its dividends. Therefore it is necessary for the Senator and his friends to advance some other excuse for their opposition to the bargain British Columbia was almost unanimously in favor of. Now they are too patriotic to think of countenancing an undertaking that would have made use of American territorial waters. They preferred to compel us to use a route which runs not only through United States waters but over American territory, and is in a position to charge such rates as earn for the shareholders dividends which appear quite handsome. Also the Senator has forgotten that a plan was in contemplation that would have relieved Canadians entirely of the necessity of sailing through American waters to reach the Mackenzie & Mann line. Provision was made for the con-

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WHAT SAY THE PEOPLE?

Toronto Sun.

C. A. Birge, ex-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in an address before the Empire Club in Toronto, said the reciprocity with the United States which he wanted was a Canadian tariff which would produce in Canada the effect

of the Bons' cage.

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Mrs. Kiddie—"Why, children, what is all this noise about?"

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—B. E. Ohlsen, an employee of the Giant Powder Works at Telegraph Bay, was injured yesterday by the bursting of a melting pot containing lead. Mr. Ohlsen was rather severely burned, and parts of his body impregnated with particles of the metal. He has been taken to the hospital, and is progressing favorably.

—The final rehearsal for the old folks' concert will be held to-morrow evening in First Presbyterian church school room at 8 o'clock. All who are taking part are requested to be present at 8 prompt. Much interest is being manifested, and the tickets are being sold rapidly, indicating a large audience and an unqualified success.

—The death of Mrs. Fraser, of Barkerville, removes one of the early settlers of the province. She had resided in British Columbia about 29 years. After a few years spent in Barkerville she moved to Victoria, where she resided about seven years, returning to Barkerville later. She was 51 years of age. Some of her daughters reside in Nanaimo.

—Members of the crew of H. M. S. Flora have formed two associations. The marines have organized an athletic club and have taken up the Sandow course of training. Recently a "Span-yarn" club was formed, and dances are held on the upper deck every evening. A piece of spun yarn tied around the great toe of the dancer is the badge of the order.

—Last evening the hall committee of James Bay Athletic Association held a meeting for the purpose of making preparations for the annual event, which takes place on Friday, April 8th. Among other preliminary arrangements sub-committees were appointed to take charge of the printing and advertising, the decoration of the hall and securing the services of a capable caterer.

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late David Ferguson took place from the residence of his brother, No. 56 Queen street, at 3 o'clock. There was a large attendance of friends and many floral offerings. Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted religious services at the church and grave. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. M. Langley, S. Jones, R. F. Green, M. P. P. A. Cook, W. H. Cullin and J. W. Crawford.

—R. M. Palmer, the provincial freight rates commissioner, has returned from the fruit growing districts of the interior. He addressed meetings at Vernon, Kelowna, Summerland and Salmon Arm, urging the necessity for co-operation among the fruit-growers. There are a great many large estates being subdivided into small holdings in the Okanagan district, the purpose of purchasers being to engage in fruit farming.

—The remains of the late Nels H. Olson were laid at rest yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from his family residence, Lansdowne road. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. Some beautiful emblems were received from friends in Vancouver. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. Julian, M. Clarke, C. J. McRae, R. Glendinning, J. Manton and L. Clarke.

—Stetson's big production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will appear at the Victoria theatre on Monday night. It has been organized this season in a manner that will make it far superior to any previous production ever seen here. Special attention has been given to the staging of the piece, and the scenery faithfully portrays several scenes of Southern life during Anti-Bellum days in the far South. A large number of genuine colored people, who introduce cakewalks, buck-dancing, Southern jubilee singing and funny scenes in the cotton fields add materially to the production. Misses Kitty Morgan and Bertha Crosbie are the two Topsy's; Misses George Harris and Nick Gillan are the two Marks, and Stetson's original "Uncle Tom," Fred Bennett, will also be in the cast. Of late years the stage has been deluged by so many cheap "Uncle Tom" companies that the public has been led to regard an announcement of its production with a great deal of distrust.

—Lion Washburn, the manager of this company, has, however, succeeded in organizing a cast composed of specially selected players, chosen for their adaptability for the parts assigned them, and has received his reward in the generous patronage of the public and praise from the press.

City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros. 250 Douglas street.

—Fresh finnan haddie and salmon belies, fine kippered salmon, mackerel and all kinds of canned fish at Erskine's grocery, corner Johnston and Quadra street. Telephone 106.

—The Irish concert given by the ladies of St. Alphred's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening was largely attended. An appropriate programme was rendered, and, judging by the applause, each selection was thoroughly appreciated.

—Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Goepel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

—The Victoria City band have announced another of their enjoyable dances to take place in the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday, March 24th. This organization rehearses every week, and during the past winter months have made a marked improvement, and need no recommendation to the dancing fraternity. The full band will furnish music for the occasion, in which some of the latest music will be rendered.

—This evening a meeting of those interested in summer sports will be held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms to be held this evening in the parlor of the association. The chairman of the physical committee has addressed the following circular letter to a number of members:

"I would like to meet with all the members of the Young Men's Christian Association interested in the physical branches of the work in order to arrange plans for the summer season. An organization meeting will be held this evening in the parlor of the association. Be good enough to attend, and if you know anyone who will take an active interest in sport bring him with you." A large attendance is requested.

—Mr. J. C. Stover, until recently an engineer on the tug Lorne, and Miss Louise Aspeck, eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Aspeck, proprietor of one of the principal Terminal City hotels, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Vancouver on Tuesday. Rev. G. A. Wilson, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, conducted the ceremony, which was performed at the family residence, 124 Ninth avenue, Mount Pleasant. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Freda Aspeck, while the groom was supported by her brother, Mr. C. Aspeck. Mr. and Mrs. Stover are spending their honeymoon on the Sound, and on returning will take up their residence at Vancouver.

—The usual meeting of the Sons of England Benevolent Society was held last night in the K. of P. hall, Douglas street, and a good number of members were present. It being the quarterly meeting a large amount in dues was paid in. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, and shows signs of success in all branches of its work. Several new names were mentioned for membership, and on suggestion of the worthy president every member pledged himself to at least bring in one member before the end of the year. If that is done the Lodge Alexandra, S. O. E. will have made an important addition. After business was practically finished it was decided to hold a smoking social at the close of our next meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, April 6th. A. E. Jones was appointed lodge editor.

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Hear J. W. Brown lecture on Socialism, A. O. U. W. hall, Thursday, 17th inst., 8 p.m. Tickets 10c. and 25c.

The strike amongst the hens has been declared off, and strictly fresh eggs are now being sold by Erskine, the grocer, at 25 cents per dozen, also the creamy butter, Delta or Comox, at 35 cents per pound. Telephone, 106.

—Ah Yan, a Chinaman, was arrested by Detective Purdie in front of the Victoria hotel last evening on the charge of stealing. He was identified as the Asiatic who was last night snatching from ladies' hands on the street. One young lady pointed him out, while a wine-drinker of Chinatown recognized him as the man who had pawned a number of the articles at his place. He was remanded when the case was called in the police court this morning.

—The management committee of the James Bay Athletic Association has already taken steps towards preparing a programme for the forthcoming field day meet in connection with the public schools. At a recent meeting a committee, comprising Messrs. T. Watson, D. O'Sullivan and E. E. Billingshurst, was appointed to co-operate with the principals of the different schools and the sports committee of the school board in making arrangements for the event.

—Rev. W. Leslie Clay last evening got married to Mr. Robt. Nelson Filchett, of Everett, Wash., and Miss Dorothy Marion Norton, daughter of Mr. Joseph Norton, of Salt Spring Island. The bride was attended by the Misses Cross, and Mr. Walter Norton supported the groom. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mr. J. Cross, 149 Menzies street. Many handsome presents were received by the newly-married couple. They will make their home in Everett.

—A special meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute was held at Saanich last Wednesday evening to discuss the question of forming the district into a municipality. A motion favoring a municipality, to include the whole of Saanich electoral district, which had been carried at Cedar Hill and Colquitz, was submitted, but after considerable discussion was voted down, the Saanich people objecting to joining the districts suburban to Victoria. A motion was then put and carried, favoring a municipality to include North and South Saanich and Lake district. The question will be further considered at a meeting to be held at Boleskine road next Wednesday.

—Word has been received by E. E. Lessom, proprietor of the Victoria hotel, to the effect that the Commandery of Royal Templars, who will leave Pittsburgh, Pa., on August 25th, for a tour of the Pacific Coast by special train, will be unable to include Victoria in their itinerary. This will be disappointing to local business men, who were expecting them to spend at least a day here. They will call at Vancouver, and after staying there for ten or twelve hours, continue their trip to Seattle and thence down the Coast, stopping at the principal cities en route. The party will be one of the largest to visit the Coast during the summer, it having been necessary to secure 25 cars for their accommodation. An effort will be made by Victorians to induce them to make a side-trip to this city by the steamer Princess Victoria, given by W. D. Pennoch.

—Victoria camp, Woodmen of the World, and the Ladies' Circle, will be at home to their friends to-morrow evening after close of business meeting. During the evening the presentation of a jewel will be made to the past guardian of the Circle, given by W. D. Pennoch.

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THE COSSACKS; A UNIQUE FORCE

EYES AND EARS OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY

A Link Between the Regular and Irregular Regiments—Their Duties in Warfare.

The capture by the Cossacks of a Japanese major and seven of his men—the result of the first land encounter between Muscovite and Jap—draws attention to that force, unique in its kind, which forms the link between the regular and irregular regiments of the army of Russia. The military education of the Cossack, a curious blending of the Tatar and the Caucasian races, begins whilst he is in his cradle, when the first sounds his ear catches are the words of the warlike songs with which he is rocked to sleep, and the Cossack children's games are nearly all of a warlike nature. The boys are placed on horseback as soon as they can walk, so that it is small wonder if the Cossack and his horse soon become as one. He wears no spurs, and his arms are so well contrived that they make no noise; and it is their boast that "a hundred Cossacks make less noise than a single regular cavalry soldier."

A Warrior By Birth.

The Cossack regiments in former days were raised in very irregular fashion. All depended on the commander, on whom devolved the sole responsibility of raising a regiment. The only regulations were those contained in a few manuscript instructions, nor was there any fixed drill or words of command. But the Cossack was a warrior by birth and education, the son and grandson of warriors, and with his first lisp had learned to speak of war. From eight years of age the Cossack boy rode fearlessly over the steppes on half-wild, bare-backed horses; the days were passed in training themselves for war; the long evenings passed in listening to the tales of raid and adventure with which the veterans fired the spirit of their sons.

The Eyes of the Army.

On outpost duty they were, and are still, the eye, or shall we say, the pointer dog of the Russian army. Unlike the ordinary Russian, they are independent in spirit, self-reliant and full of resource. They know little of the cringing servility that brands the ordinary Slav as belonging to an inferior order of human beings. Accepted into communistic government, they can obey or command, as the occasion requires. They are both prudent and brave, prudent because they are acquainted with danger, and brave because bravery is part of their creed. "The army may sleep in safety, while Cossacks are at the outposts," is a common Russian saying, for they seem dauntless off and on, and are supposed to be secure against surprises. One prominent feature of the Cossack character, which strikes one as being strangely at variance in conjunction with their independence and self-reliance, is their superstitious faith in all manner of signs and omens, and the most trivial act of every day life is usually prefaced by prayer.

All-Round Men.

In actual warfare the larger part of the scouting service and of cavalry out-post duty falls to the share of the Cossacks. They carry orders and dispatches, act as orderlies to officers, and perform all kinds of useful services. Whenever a man is needed for anything outside ordinary camp duties, a Cossack is sure to be summoned; wherever the advance guard of infantry penetrates, it is sure to find that the Cossacks have already left their mark, for, whether they do not retain, the activity of true pioneers and all the restlessness of savagery.

Swords Into Ploughshares.

Such are the Cossacks, and, as such, they, of all the troops of the Russian army, welcome the war with Japan, since it will enable them to rub off the rust of years of peace, for the Russian makes no secret of the fact that they are not what they were a century ago, or when the Empire rang with their fame after the great part they played during the retreat from Moscow by the Grand Army of Napoleon in 1812. Races of warlike people all the world over who have enjoyed a long period of peace, and turned their swords into ploughshares, must lose some portion of that military instinct which was formerly a part of their nature. In days gone by, the Cossacks, ever contending with the Tatars, continually engaged in forays and raids, became scarcely a warrior race that part of their lives not spent in war, was passed in military exercises.

Barrack Room Influence.

But now, except in such circumstances as those of the present war, the Cossack does not live to fight. He passes a peaceful existence on the land he cultivates for the support of his family, and when called out for military exercise, no longer employs his ancient tactics, but is taught in the same manner as the regular troops. He has thus to some extent lost those especial qualities which formerly distinguished him. The Cossack, in times past, was an incomparable irregular soldier, but a process of somewhat injudicious dragooning has gone far to make him only an indifferent regular. The next few weeks or months will show whether the traditions and instincts of his ancestry may not, after all, be stronger than the cramping influence of the barracks.

SALT RHEUM CURED QUICK.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Salt Rheum and all Itching or burning skin diseases in a day. One application gives almost instant relief. For Itching, Blister, or Bleeding Piles it stands without a peer. Cures in three to six nights. 25 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—151.

Sir Walter J. Sendall, former governor of British Guiana, is dead. He was born in 1832.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
9th to 13th March, 1904.

The week opened on the 9th inst. with a falling barometer and indications of an ocean disturbance approaching Vancouver Island. This developed during the day causing fresh southeasterly gales on the Strait and outside Coast. On the following morning the storm had increased to a most unusual extent and became the most severe and widespread storm of the season; its influence extended over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. The barometer fell at Victoria to 28.84 inches which is the lowest record in this district since 1891, when 28.80 inches were recorded at Esquimalt. The gale in this vicinity was only moderate in force, but in the Straits and the American outside coast it was unusually severe; the main force seems to have been felt at the mouth of the Columbia river, where an hourly wind velocity of 80 miles was registered. The disturbance eventually moved northward to Cariboo and passed beyond the Rockies. The rainfall attending the storm was heavy in California, where also considerable damage is reported to have been caused by the gale to buildings and shipping at San Francisco. This storm was succeeded by a succession of low pressure areas over this province, which continued for several days causing fresh gales on the Washington coast. On the 13th the pressure began to rise from California to Vancouver Island. The weather generally throughout the week had been unsettled and cold, with squalls of snow, sleet and rain and frost at night in many localities. The snowfall on the Upper Mainland had been more than usual during the last month, affording good sleighing in many localities on the road especially as far down as Ashcroft. In the Yukon the day temperatures have slightly moderated, although the nights continue intensely cold, reaching 32 below zero. East of the Rockies the barometric pressure has been high throughout the entire Northwest; the weather has been cold and snowfall very general.

At Victoria, there were recorded 25 hours and 36 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature, 50.4 on 10th; lowest, 32.7 on 13th; precipitation, .23 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 48 on 11th; lowest, .32 on 13th, 14th and 15th; precipitation, .33 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 48 on 13th; lowest, .29 on 14th; snow, one inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 36 on 13th; lowest, zero on 15th; snowfall, 7.60 inches.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 4 on the 15th; lowest, .32 below zero on 10th and 12th; no precipitation.

The following is the summary of weather for February, 1904:

Precipitation in inches.
Rain and
Melted
Snow. Snow. Total.

Victoria, V. I.	3.40	3.25	3.93
Beaver Lake, V. I.	5.71	7.00	6.41
Goldstream, V. I.	2.46	80.00	11.06
Sooke Lake, V. I.	8.05	37.56	11.80

Alberni 6.61 44.25 14.04

Nanaimo 6.25 25.69 8.58

Cowichan 6.25 40.10 10.24

Banfield Creek, to 27th 22.49 23.19

Kuper Island 1.15 7.00 1.80

Vancouver 8.25 6.50 8.87

New Westminster 5.76 21.70 7.87

Point Garry 5.29 9.00 6.19

Chilliwack 4.96 11.59 6.14

Coquitlam 9.10 12.00 10.46

Kamloops04 24.40 2.48

Barkerville 43.00 4.90

Quesnel 24.50 2.45

Vernon 28.00 2.80

Nelson 16.20 2.92

Enderby11 20.50 2.16

Big Creek, Chilcotin. 7.00 .70

Port Simpson99 7.82 1.77

Nass Harbor75 2.00 .93

At Victoria, 30 hours and 12 minutes' sunshine was registered, the mean proportion for the month was 0.13; the highest temperature was 40.3 on 23st; and the lowest, 24.5 on the 8th; and the mean, 30.03. The total number of miles recorded on the electrical anerograph was 7,381, and the direction as follows: N., 738; N. E., 503; E., 634; S. E., 1,874; S., 736; S. W., 2,021; W., 618; N. W., 57.

Vancouver—Highest temperature, 47.0 on 17th; lowest, 18.0 on 8th and 9th.

New Westminster—Highest temperature, 44.3 on 18th; lowest, 12.0 on 8th and 9th; mean, 34.89.

Point Garry—Highest temperature, 47.0 on 4th; lowest, 13.5 on 9th; mean, 36.2.

Alberni—Highest temperature, 46.1 on 15th; lowest, 15.9 on 8th; mean, 33.6.

Nanaimo—Highest temperature, 47.8 on 22nd; lowest, 21.0 on 8th; mean, 36.2; amount of bright sunshine, 41 hours 24 minutes.

Cowichan—Highest temperature, 47.8 on 15th; and lowest, 24.6 on 29th.

Banfield Creek—Highest temperature, 47.1 on 21st; lowest, 24.0 on 8th.

Chilliwack—Highest temperature, 45.0 on 2nd and 24th; lowest, 9.0 on 9th.

Barkerville—Highest temperature, 32.0 on 17th and 18th; lowest, 24 below on 6th; mean, 11.7.

Quesnel—Highest temperature, 45.0 on 18th; lowest, 30 below on 9th.

Vernon—Highest temperature, 44.0 on 27th; lowest, 14 below on 9th.

Nelson—Highest temperature, 45.0 on 12th, 19th and 21st; lowest, 7.0 on 9th.

Enderby—Highest temperature, 51.0 on 25th; and lowest, 16 below on 9th.

Big Creek, Chilcotin—Highest temperature, 35.9 on 10th, 17th and 26th; lowest, 26.0 below zero on 29th.

Port Simpson—Highest temperature, 41.2 on 3rd; and lowest, 12.0 on 8th and 9th; mean, 29.1.

Rivers Inlet—Rain, 5.10 inches; snow, 44.42 inches; total, 9.54 inches; highest temperature, 43.7 on 4th; and lowest, 15.0 on 11th and 8th.

Kamloops—Highest temperature, 42.8 on 18th; lowest, 12.5 below on 9th; mean, 21.5.

So. Keen is the German Emperor on his younger son obtaining a thorough knowledge of tactics, so he insists that some portion of their day shall be devoted to playing at soldiers. The youngsters receive periodic instruction to build fortifications of earth and mud, and the result of their labours is criticised by a military expert. The Crown Prince, by the way, is skilled as a carpenter, while the Kaiser himself, having been taught to design buildings as a youth, is capable of following the profession of an architect.

ALL RIGHT NOW.

"Why, Sharpe, I'm glad to see you so lively again. You were quite lame when I last met you."

"Oh, yes! I was awfully lame then. But that gas before I got a verdict of £1,000 against the railway company."

Besides the ever-increasing revenue from thousands of travellers, Italy is earning increased sums by her rapidly reviving manufactures. The waters of the Alps and Apennines are giving her a cheap power by means of electrical plants as coal is furnishing to Belgium, Germany, England and the United States.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAIR.

Rev. Hugh R. Grant, late of Pincher, Alta., will be inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on the 26th inst.

A. Green leaves this week for Winnipeg to organize his forces for the coming season. He has extensive contracts for the construction of station buildings along the Canadian Pacific main line, and will spend the winter in the Northwest Territories. For a considerable portion of the time Mr. Green's headquarters will be at Rossclair.

NELSON.

The Koofeyn Tourist Association has organized for the season of 1904. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, John A. Turner; vice-president, T. G. Proctor; treasurer, J. M. Lay. The association will commence an active advertising campaign to attract tourists to the Koofeyn.

The principal business transacted at the second meeting of the Koofeyn Fright Growers' Association was the passing and approving of the new constitution of the association, and the meeting unanimously adopted the report of the special committee embracing the constitution and by-laws. Secretary O. Newling was busily engaged signing receipts for members' fees—\$2—and in addition to those who joined the association at its initial meeting a month ago, several new names were handed in.

VANCOUVER.

The inquest over the body of the Chinaman, Ah Lee, who was killed by a street car on Monday last, was resumed on Tuesday at the city hall before Coroner McGuigan. After hearing the evidence Coroner McGuigan summed up the case for the jury, who brought in the verdict as follows: "That the deceased, Ah Lee, came to his death by being accidentally struck by a street car and that we exonerate the employees of the company from all blame."

A man named David Spencer was found dead on Tuesday morning in a shed at the rear of the Atlantic saloon on Cordova street. The deceased was an elderly man and had been a resident of this city for the past ten years. He formerly lived on Homer street and had a small garden in Mount Pleasant, where he grew a limited quantity of greenhouse flowers. He was last seen alive on Monday night in the Atlantic saloon and was apparently in good health.

Plans for the new four-roomed school for West Fairview were considered on Tuesday by the building committee of the school board. In calling for these plans a letter was sent by the secretary to every architect in the city, stating that a plan could be obtained at the secretary's office. W. T. Whiteway, who is the architect for the new High school, was the only one who responded, and he submitted plans. Trustee Dongan took exception to the procedure, and moved that the board consult with a reputable architect, the expense, not to exceed \$50, to be recommended as architect, etc., and plans to be called on as a suggestion. Trustee Duke, after the procedure had been related by the secretary, contended that it was the only proper way in which to proceed, and was thoroughly business-like. Trustee Clubb said there was only one way the board could have gone about it and that was the way it had. Trustee Duke moved and Trustee Clubb seconded the motion that the plans be recommended to the board for acceptance, and that tenders for construction be called for, to be in by April 8th. This report was also adopted by the board.

Before committing suicide, Miss Costello, of Portobello, wrote a brief "will," which she pinned on her nightdress. Judges decided that the "will" not being signed, was not valid.

A SOLDIER'S SATIRE.

To the Editor:—Having reference to the letters from "Sailor," "Marty" and others which have appeared in your recent issues, I would like to state that the majority of soldiers at Work Point barracks want no favors from, nor wish to be placed under any obligations to, the residents of this sweet city, this "Pearl of the Pacific."

I am afraid Mr. Begtram and many others know very little about service men or their pay. Of course things are rather dearer here than in England, for instance, barbers' charges.

If from lack of funds we find that we are unable to attend any of the beautiful concerts, etc., which delight the hearts of many, no doubt we will survive it. Perhaps, however, we might all subscribe and send someone to see such performances who could describe them to us on his return. Just imagine the excited, eager groups that would gather round and listen to him, and the interest they would take in his stories.

Fortunately, for us there are some amusements to be obtained without any cost.

When is the Fifth Regiment going under canvas?

"LEO."

Work Point Barracks, Victoria, B. C., March 16th, 1904.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

THURSDAY.

There will be no gymnasium. Lt. Col. Hall having kindly granted permission to the sergeants of Fifth Regiment to hold a social in the hall on that night, they will have the exclusive use of it.

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PERSONAL.

W. Grant returned home from Atlin a few days ago from a business and pleasure trip combined. Mr. Grant says he left Atlin on the last of February. There was then 18 inches of snow on the ground and the weather was very cold, the thermometer registering as low as 67 below zero. On the way out to the Coast he heard a good deal about the Aleut country, but received no definite news. He predicts, however, that between fifteen and twenty thousand people will enter the country this year. Work in Atlin this season will be confined chiefly to the old creeks.

W. P. Lockwood, of Tacoma, travelling freight and passenger agent of the Wisconsin Central Railway, and Geo. S. Taylor, of Portland, travelling passenger and freight agent of the line, were in the city yesterday conferring with the local N. P. agent, C. E. Lang.

Capt. S. F. Mackenzie, J. A. Smith, W. E. Drake, M. Macgown, F. Carter-Cotton, R. Marpole, A. Arundell and H. W. Kent, of Vancouver, are at the Driard.

Robert W. Bullen, of Bellingham; J. G. Priddy, of Nanaimo; and H. G. Frith and Jas. McGowen, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

A. Allen, of the Fit-Reform, left last night on a business trip to England. Mrs. Allen and children accompanied him. Thos. H. Davies, the wrestler, arrived in the city last evening. He is a guest at the Vernon hotel.

Adam Collins and T. J. Donabue, of San Francisco, are guests at the Driard.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B.C., March 1904.
(Based on the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
1. -	3:10 7.6	8.06 6.0	13:37 8.3	20:40 1.9				
2. -	3:33 7.8	9.03 5.3	14:37 8.3	21:32 2.4				
3. -	4:01 8.0	9.47 4.7	15:41 7.9	22:15 3.2				
4. -	4:31 8.1	10:52 4.2	16:51 7.4	22:58 4.3				
5. -	4:59 8.2	11:22 3.8	17:01 7.0	23:42 4.8				
6. -	5:29 8.2	12:54 3.5	19:43 6.6					
7. -	5:27 7.6	6.18 8.2	13:57 3.0	22:11 6.6				
8. -	1:10 6.3	6.67 8.1	14:00 2.8	22:36 2.7				
9. -	1:28 6.2	6.85 8.0	14:18 2.7	22:54 2.7				
10. -	1:46 7.2	5.58 7.8	1:28 2.6	16:55 2.7				
11. -	2:06 7.4	5.17 7.2	18:48 2.7	17:45 2.7				
12. -	3:08 7.5	6.47 7.0	19:29 2.8	18:39 2.8				
13. -	3:26 7.5	6.65 7.0	19:56 2.8	19:30 2.8				
14. -	3:22 7.3	6.78 6.8	12:44 7.1	19:52 2.9				
15. -	2:54 7.3	8.25 5.7	13:38 7.4	20:28 3.2				
16. -	3:01 7.4	8.54 5.3	14:26 7.1	21:02 3.5				
17. -	3:08 7.5	8.72 5.0	15:14 7.1	21:36 3.5				
18. -	3:30 7.5	10:04 4.4	16:03 7.0	22:05 4.3				
19. -	4:05 7.6	4:46 4.0	17:03 6.8	22:36 4.9				
20. -	4:32 7.6	11:32 3.6	18:12 6.6	23:06 5.4				
21. -	4:50 7.6	12:48 3.5	18:30 6.5	23:37 6.0				
22. -	5:07 7.8	13:19 2.9	21:06 6.5					
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25. -	6:40 7.5	7.42 2.4						
26. -	1:54 7.0	5.51 6.9	8:21 2.6	17:05 2.2				
27. -	1:38 7.1	5.15 6.5	10:10 2.5	17:57 2.3				
28. -	1:19 7.2	6.21 6.0	11:37 2.4	18:46 2.5				
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31. -	1:29 7.8	8.95 3.5	15:05 2.3	21:01 3.8				

Zero or above heights correspond to 11 feet in the fallowing Victoria harbor. The time used in Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west, it is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time add 14 minutes to 11. Victoria.

Equivalents (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. E. N. Denison.

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THE HOUGOMONT A MODEL VESSEL

SOMETHING ABOUT BARQUE NOW IN PORT

Comment on Shipping Business During Month of February—Inverness Arrives With Sugar.

In the big four-masted British barque Hougomont, now discharging miscellaneous cargo at the outer wharf, can be found a modern carrier with all up-to-date equipment for discharging and loading, and with comforts for captain, officers and crew, seldom equalled on vessels sailing in these waters. The exhibit of the Hougomont is a model of neatness and cleanliness. No better quarters are seen aboard any steamship than those which Capt. and Mrs. Lowe occupy aboard the barque, and they are naturally proud of the craft which has carried them safely round the world several times, through all seas and in all kinds of weather.

The vessel was built at Greenock by Scott & Company about six and half years ago. She has been three times out to San Francisco from the Old Country, once to Australia, once to Yokohama, once to New York, once to Rio de Janeiro, and this is her first voyage to Victoria, British Columbia. From the first Capt. Lowe has been in command. His initiation, however, into British Columbia climate was not the pleasantest. He arrived shortly before the storm of last week, and being in the Roads at the time of the big blow, was pretty anxious about his ship. He had one anchor out with 105 fathoms of chain and a second with 45 fathoms.

The interior fittings of the Hougomont are in every respect first class. There are bathrooms for the captain, officers and men, the officers' mess room is large and airy. There is a steam engine on deck for discharging and loading. With 500 gallons of water can be condensed in a day. The usefulness of this convenience was demonstrated on the last voyage. Salt water got into the water tanks and in 36 hours 1,400 gallons of pure wholesome water was provided for drinking purposes. There are patent windlasses on deck, and in short every facility requisite for a vessel of the kind.

The Hougomont is one of the largest carriers of her kind that has been in port for some time. Her registered tonnage is 2,261, her gross tonnage 2,640 and her dimensions otherwise are: Length over all, 350 feet; beam, 46 feet, and depth of hold, 23.6 feet. The ship is very prettily spruced and rigged, and has generally a trim and smart appearance.

Capt. Lowe being a lover of art has a fine collection of pictures, one which adorns his mantle being "Tatters," the Kosmos liner Anthonis left for San Francisco at 4 o'clock this morning, after discharging a heavy shipment of nitrates at the outer wharf.

Steamer Boscombe will sail for northern British Columbia ports this evening.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FISH AND GAME CLUB

Report of the Retiring Secretary—Officers Will Be Elected on Wednesday Next.

There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the British Columbia Fish and Game Club, which was held last evening at the Tourist Association rooms, Fort Street. In the absence of the president, the chair was occupied by J. P. Mann, vice-president. J. Musgrave undertook the duties of secretary in place of H. Cuthbert.

After the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the retiring secretary was read. It follows:

I am exceedingly sorry that I shall be unable to be present at the annual meeting of the club, owing to my absence from the city on the business of the Tourist Association.

The Fish and Game Club during the past year has done very important work and has accomplished more in one year than any club of a similar nature that has heretofore existed in the city. One of the most important matters dealt with was the improving of the fishing in Shawanigan lake, and with that object, in view of the fish ladders erected at the falls in Millstream at a cost of \$200, the Dominion government was communicated with with the object of restocking with fry Shawanigan lake and the principal fishing rivers on Vancouver Island, and the Dominion government instructed, through Senator Templeman, their officials in the provinces to secure fry at their hatcheries to be taken over by the club for the purpose of being placed in these lakes and streams, and the officials are only now awaiting notification from the club as to where fry is required and to whom it shall be handed over.

Communications were also addressed to the leading authorities on fish culture in the Old Country, and many valuable suggestions were received from them on this subject. A great many meetings were held almost weekly for the purpose of preparing a complete and stringent act for the preservation of game and game fish in British Columbia. This act was printed by the government, but was not accepted by the House, but we hope that during the next session the bill may be brought down and passed. Its chief provisions were that game wardens should be appointed throughout the province for the detection of acts against the provisions of that bill, and the imposition of a sum tax of \$8 per head for carrying a gun.

There was an act brought down, however, by Mr. Haworth, which was a step in the direction desired by the club. This act as amended by Mr. Tanner prevents the sale of deer altogether, and also made a new close season for trout, and enforces more stringent measures with reference to angling.

The treasurer's report will be laid before you, and will show that after paying all expenses there is a slight balance on hand.

Yours faithfully,

H. CUTHERBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

This was adopted unanimously.

G. Hartnagel offered the association the use of rooms at the Driard hotel for meeting purposes in the future. This was accepted with thanks.

It was decided, owing to notice of meeting not having been given outside members in time to allow them to attend, to delay the election of officers for the ensuing term until Wednesday next.

The question of incorporation as well as plans for the new season will also be considered at this meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

STRIKE SPREADING.

More Men Are Thrown Idle in New York.

(Associated Press)

New York, March 17.—Several hundred more iron workers were made idle in the city to-day because of the strike and labor trouble in the building trades. In the meantime the strike is spreading and forcing more men into idleness on the buildings where the masons, bricklayers and laborers are not working. The riggers, steam-fitters, boilermakers and inside iron workers are beginning to lay off the strike, and many of them had to stop work to-day because they had reached the point where the masons and bricklayers were required to prepare the way for them.

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SOUGHT SAFETY IN FLIGHT.

Russian Jew Left Berlin for Switzerland

—An Incident in Mandelstam's Career.

(Associated Press)

Berlin, March 17.—Mandelstam, whom Chancellor Von Buelow in the Reichstag on February 29th named as one of the leading protestants against the government's attitude toward Russia, is not included in the 30 Russian students expelled from Germany. He anticipated such an order by flight to Switzerland.

Franz Zekstein, in a recent speech at Breslau, gave the following details of his past:

"I left off to Mandelstam, twice deported to Siberia. Once, on a long march to the icy plains, the convicts almost without food owing to the embezzlement of a commissary officer, complained to the commander of the escort who, lining up, said 'who objects?' One man stepped forward and the officer shot him. Turning pleasantly to the others, the commander said, 'Has anyone else a wish?' A second man stepped out of the line, and the commander shot him dead, and again asked if anyone complained. Mandelstam said, 'Yes, I do.' The officer, overcome by this fearlessness, listened to the protest and supplied the convicts with food. This was the courage of the despised Russian Jew."

In regard to the